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 1.(amended) First and second one piece integrally molded area circumscribing frame members that fit against one another to form an area circumscribing support frame having an article retaining recess [therein] formed therebetween and extending therearound.

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 10.(amended) First and second frame members as claimed in Claim 1 configured to form on assembly face to face one side of a window frame, at least one of said frame members having at the outer perimeter thereof a laterally projecting wall which spaces said frame members from one another and defines a window unit retaining [channel] recess.

REMARKS

The cited Gipson U.S. Patent 5,442,880 has been carefully considered. While Gipson discloses two molded frames, namely, frame 10 and halo frame 18, it is respectfully pointed out that these two frames when fitted against one another do not form a recess therebetween.

The halo frame 18 merely provides a circumferential locator tab 20 that fits into a corresponding locator slot 22 formed in frame 10. No article receiving recess is formed when frame 10 is hooked on to halo form 18. (2) not required by claim

When all of the components of the Gipson window assembly are assembled with the frame 10, the only recesses that are provided are provided by mounting the separate bars 26 and 28 against frame 10 to provide a limited length of recess at the top and bottom of the frame 10 which extends for a limited portion of the top and bottom frame segments.

In contrast, applicant has, by means of just two one piece integrally molded area circumscribing frame members that fit against one another, provided an article retaining recess formed between the frame members and extending therearound. Thus, with just two frame members, all of the bits and pieces required to assemble the Gipson window have been eliminated.

To make it perfectly clear that it is the first and second frame members which define the recess and that the recess extends around the support frame formed by fitting

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these two members together. Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the article retaining recess is formed therebetween and extends therearound.

It is respectfully submitted that this claim clearly distinguishes over Gipson and is directed to a simple but highly meritable invention.

As the Examiner has noted, the other references require multiple components to form the frames which components have to be welded together involving various manufacturing steps not required in applicant's invention.

Claim 10 has been amended to replace the word "channel" by "recess" for consistency.

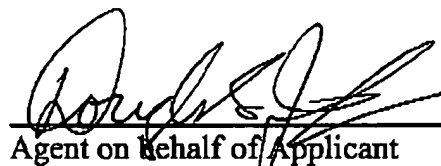
It is noted that the Examiner has accepted that original Claims 3, 4, 9, 11, 12, 15 and 16 contain allowable subject matter but with the requirement that they be written so as to incorporate the subject matter of the preceding claims on which they depended. However, in view of applicant's amendment to Claim 1 to more specifically point out that the bringing of the two frames together provides the recess therebetween which extends therearound, Claim 1 it is respectfully submitted is clearly allowable and that there is no need to amend these claims.

It is also respectfully submitted that Claims 2, 5, 7, 8, 10, 13 and 14 dependent on Claim 1 now believed to be clearly allowable should also be allowed.

A revised copy of the claims showing the amendments is attached.

Reconsideration of the application and its allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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THE EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION IN WHICH AN EXCLUSIVE
PROPERTY OR PRIVILEGE IS CLAIMED ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:

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1. First and second one piece integrally molded area circumscribing frame members that fit against one another to form an area circumscribing support frame having an article retaining recess formed therebetween and extending therearound.
 2. One piece integrally molded frame members as claimed in Claim 1 in which at least one of said members has an integral laterally projecting peripheral wall extending around the perimeter thereof against which the other frame member fits to form said article retaining recess.
 3. One piece integrally molded frame members as claimed in Claim 1 in which both of said frame members have laterally projecting peripheral walls extending around their outer perimeters which abut when said frame members are fitted together to define said article retaining recess.
 4. One piece integrally molded frame members as claimed in Claim 2 or 3 in which both of said frame members have at their inner perimeters integral laterally projecting lips which, upon said members being fitted together, face each other with a space therebetween to form a slotted wall overlying at least a portion of said article retaining recess.
 5. One piece integrally molded frame members as claimed in Claim 1, 2 or 3 in which said members are injection molded plastic members.
 6. One piece integrally molded frame members as claimed in Claim 1, 2 or 3 in which said members are compression molded plastic members.
 7. One piece integrally molded frame members framed in Claim 1 in which each of said members is one side of a window sash and said retaining recess is adapted to retain a glazing unit.
 8. One piece integrally molded frame members as claimed in Claim 4 in which said members form the sides of a frame to support a sliding window sash.

9. One piece integrally molded frame members as claimed in Claim 1 in which at least one of said frame members is further formed to fit against a third one piece integrally molded area circumscribing frame member to form a second support frame having an article retaining recess therein.

10. First and second frame members as claimed in Claim 1 configured to form on assembly face to face one side of a window frame, at least one of said frame members having at the outer perimeter thereof a laterally projecting wall which spaces said frame members from one another and defines a window unit retaining recess.

11. Frame members as claimed in Claim 10 having at least over a portion of their inner perimeters integral inwardly projecting lips having a width less than half the spacing between said frame members when same are assembled face to face.

12. First and second frame members as claimed in Claims 10 or 11 in combination with a third one piece molded area circumscribing rectangular frame member configured for assembly with one of said first and second frame members at one side thereof opposite to said side forming said retaining recess to form an adjoining frame having a window retaining recess therein.

13. First and second frame members as claimed in Claim 1 formed to be brought together face to face to form the sides of a window sash with a glazing unit retaining recess therebetween, a glazing unit located between said sash sides received in said retaining recess and means securing said molded frame members together to retain said glazing unit therebetween.

14. A window unit as claimed in Claim 13 in which said frame members are formed to interengage when in registration.

15. First and second frame members as claimed in Claim 1 each configured to form opposite sides of a sliding window unit frame, at least one of said frame sides having an integral laterally projecting wall at its outer perimeter which spaces said opposite frame sides from one another when same are assembled, and both said one piece frame members having at their inner perimeters an integral lip having a width less than one half the spacing of said frame members when same are assembled, said lips projecting inwardly of said

frame members when assembled to provide retaining walls overhanging at least a portion of said retaining channel, said retaining walls having a space therebetween providing access to said retaining channel.

16. A window unit as claimed in Claim 15 in combination with a third rectangular frame member of one piece molded construction configured to form with one of the aforesaid frame members a second frame in which said one of said frame members forms one side thereof with said third frame member.